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SUBJ: NAT'L POLICE REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH
STATIONING OF POLICE ATTACHE IN WASHDC EC 7.21

HQS FOR EOIL, PLASE; EMB FOR DEA; SECSTATE FOR S/NM

1. REF IS MADE TO THE VISIT OF GEN HENRY GARCIA BOHORQUEZ,
CHIEF OF COLOMBIA'S NAT'L POLICE TO DEA HQS ON 9/23. DURING TALKS
WITH ACTG ADM HENRY S DOGIN AND ACTG DEP ADM FREDERICK A RODY,
JR, GEN GARCIA ANNOUNCED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED AUTHORIZATION FROM
HIS GOVT TO STATION A POLICE ATTACHE IN WASHDC. GEN'L GARCIA
FURTHER STATED THAT THE PRIMARY FUNCTION OF HIS ATTACHE WOULD
BE TO SERVE AS LIAISON WITH DEA AND REQUESTED DEA ASSISTANCE
TO CORONEL CASTRO IN THE AREA OF NARCOTICS. THE GEN WAS PROMISED
THAT ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE WAS TO BE GIVEN TO HIS DESIGNATED
ATTACHE. DEA OFFICIALS REQUESTED TO BE ADVISED UPON THE ARRIVAL
OF THE AFOREMSNTIONED ATTACHE TO WASHDC IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH
LIAISON. TO THE BEST OF SAIC'S KNOWLEDGE, THIS WAS THE EXTENT
OF THE TALKS BETWEEN GEN GARCIA AND THE AFOREMENTIONED OFFICIALS
ON THE SUBJ OF A NAT'L POLICE ATTACHE IN WASHDC. IT WAS IMPLIED
THAT THE AFOREMENTIONED ATTACHE WAS TO HAVE HIS HQS AT THE

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COLOMBIAN EMB IN WASHDC.

2. ON 10/21 SAIC RECEIVED A CALL FROM GEN GARCIA ASKING SAIC TO MEET WITH THE GEN AND COL CASTRO AT HIS OFFICE ON 10/22 AT 11:30 AM. GEN GARCIA STATED HE WANTED TO INTRODUCE COL CASTRO TO THE SAIC AND TO FURTHER BRIEF SAIC ON THE MISSION OF COL CASTRO. AT THIS POINT GEN GARCIA ASKED SAIC IF DEA HAD ALREADY ARRANGED FOR OFFICE SPACE AT THE DEA HQS. GEN'L GARCIA STATED THAT DURING HIS TALKS AT DEAHQS HE WAS PROMISED OFFICE SPACE AT THE DEA FACILITY. THE GEN STATED THAT HE WOULD MUCH PREFER TO HAVE HIS LIAISON OFFICER PHYSICALLY AT DEA HQS RATHER THAN AT THE COLOMBIAN EMB IN WASHINGTON. SAIC ADVISED GEN GARCIA THAT HE WAS NOT AWARE OF DEA PROMISE TO HOUSE HIS POLICE ATTACHE AT DEA HQS. HOWEVER SAIC ADVISED GEN GARCIA THAT HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO GIVE HIM A DEFINITE ANSWER AT THE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THE MORNING OF 10/22.

3. GEN GARCIA STATED HE WAS EXTREMELY INTERESTED IN ESTABLISHING DIRECT LIAISON WITH DEA AND THAT HE WILL ADVISE OF THE DATE OF COL CASTRO'S TRAVEL TO THE US AT THE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 10/22.

4. BDO SAIC IS REASONABLY SURE THAT THE OFFER TO HOUSE POLICE ATTACHE AT DEA HQS WAS NOT MADE TO GEN GARCIA DURING HIS VISIT. HOWEVER IN LIGHT OF INTENSE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE NAT'L POLICE AND DEA AND GEN GARCIA'S DESIRE TO ESTABLISH THIS DIRECT LIAISON WITH DEA, IT IS REQUESTED THAT CRO AND DEA HQS COMMENT ON THE POSSIBILITY OF HOUSING THE COLOMBIAN POLICE ATTACHE AT HQS OR AT A REG OFFICE HEAVILY INVOLVED WITH COLOMBIAN TRAFFICKERS SUCH AS REG 2 AND REG 5. REQUEST IMMEDIATE REPLY ON THIS MATTER AS ANSWER NEEDED PRIOR TO MEETING WITH GEN GARCIA SCHEDULED ON 10/22.

5. AMB'S COMMENT: GOC APPROVAL OF CASTRO'S ASSIGNMENT WAS AS POLICE ATTACHE, I.E. REPRESENTING NATIONAL POLICE. WHILE HE WILL BE LIAISON WITH DEA ON NARCOTICS MATTERS FOR POLICE (F-2), HE CANNOT--AT LEAST AT PRESENT AND UNLESS WE ADVISED BY GOC-- OTHERWISE BE VIEWED AS NARCOTICS LIAISON FOR ALL OF GOC, E.G. DAS, CUSTOMS, MIN OF JUSTICE, ETC. THUS POTENTIAL EXISTS FOR AROUSING IRRITATION ON PART OF OTHER GOC AGENCIES IF DEA TREATS CASTRO AS TOTAL GOC LIAISON. IN VIEW OF THIS, AMB BELIEVES IT WOULD BE MORE PRUDENT TO DUCK REQUEST FOR PERMANENT OFFICE

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